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## Change in fuel prices

ORANJESTAD – The Ministry of Economic & Social Affairs and Culture announces that as of today, Wednesday, January 12, 2011, there will be changes in different fuel prices.



The new price per liter are:

Gasoline unleaded-premium	207,3 cents,	(+ 9.9 cents)
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## Obama to give State of the Union Jan 25

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Republican US House Speaker John Boehner yesterday invited President Barack Obama to deliver his annual agenda-setting "State of the Union" speech to the nation on January 25.

"As many great challenges lie ahead for our nation, we welcome an opportunity to hear your proposals," Boehner, one of the president's toughest critics, said in a letter to Obama that was made public.

Obama's speech will come after Republicans formally retook control this month of the House of Representatives after routing his Democrats in November 2 elections, and roughly two weeks after the assassination attempt on Democratic Representative Gabrielle Giffords

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## TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

### Costa Rica warns of 'conflict' with Nicaragua



THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Costa Rica warned of a "serious aggravation of conflict" with Nicaragua which it accused before a world court of "provocation" through military occupation of its territory. "There is the risk that a serious aggravation of the conflict could occur as a result of the Nicaraguan behaviour," Edgar Ugalde Alvarez, Costa Rica's ambassador to Colombia, told the International Court of Justice in The Hague. "Costa Rica will not allow itself to be intimidated and will not accept anybody trying to

impose on it a fait accompli." Costa Rica wants the court to order the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Nicaraguan troops it claims are illegally occupying land to enable the construction of a canal across Costa Rican territory. Alvarez insisted his country was committed to finding a peaceful settlement in spite of its neighbour's "continuing provocation". The court case was not only an attempt to secure Costa Rica's territorial integrity, he said, but also "to protect human life in Costa Rica and Nicaragua".

"Up until now there have not been any victims as result of military action by Nicaragua, but that has been entirely due to the responsible approach of my government ... not to answer force with force," he said.

Alvarez said Nicaragua's unauthorised dredging of the San Juan River that serves as a frontier between the two Central American neighbours, had caused "significant damage to fragile eco systems, to forests, to protected wetlands".

Also, it risked affecting large sections of Costa Rica's northern border.

The ICJ started hearing Costa Rica's request for urgent provisional measures pending the judges' ultimate ruling in its territorial dispute with Nicaragua, which can take years.

Nicaragua, which rejects all the claims, is to present its arguments this week.

### Haiti mourns its earthquake dead

#### On the eve of the first anniversary of the catastrophic earthquake

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - Haiti yesterday began two days of remembrance ceremonies honoring nearly quarter of a million people who died in an earthquake that leveled the impoverished country a year ago.

Government officials went early to a mass grave outside the capital Port-au-Prince, where some of the more than 220,000 victims of the January 12, 2010 quake lie. Ceremonies were to culminate with a minute of silence on Wednesday at 4:53 pm, the exact moment the quake struck.

The anniversary finds Haiti barely healed from the trauma inflicted 12 months ago.

The economy and infrastructure are crippled, a cholera outbreak continues to kill and more than 800,000 people live in squalid tent camps, according to a new official count.

The national mourning also comes against a backdrop of political instability over the holding of a runoff round in the elections to replace outgoing President Rene Preval.

Preval and the feuding presidential candidates are expected to bury the hatchet and

join the nation's 10 million people in their grief.

However, speculation is mounting about how Preval will react to a report from international monitors expected to call for removing his favored candidate from the election.

Former US president Bill Clinton, one of the main figures coordinating a massive international aid effort, arrived yesterday to join ceremonies and said he was "frustrated" by the slow pace of reconstruction. He also called on the government "to resolve" the election standoff.

However, he did say he was "encouraged" that after repeated delays in organizing the flow of aid money and the implementation of promised projects, "we are doing much better."

The main event scheduled was an open-air Catholic Mass early today by the ruins of the Port-au-Prince cathedral, which collapsed during the earthquake and, like most of the ruins from that day, has not been cleared away.

Then at 4:53 pm today, Haitians were to observe a minute of silence and release

white balloons.

Other events were promised, but there appeared to be little in the way of a formal program, with some items, such as the laying of a first stone at a planned apartment complex, delayed.

Once the ceremonies are over, Haiti will once again have to return to the mountain of tasks confronting the western hemisphere's poorest country.

That includes clearing rubble, moving people out of tents and back into houses, halting widespread environmental degradation, and rebuilding an education system that currently provides schooling to less than half of all children.

One of the immediate concerns is a cholera outbreak that has so far claimed 3,759 lives, according to the latest Haitian government update, and sickened thousands more. The World Health Organization said that the "peak has not been reached," although the death rate was slowing.

A new report, meanwhile, highlighted that the elderly are particularly vulnerable, with 20 percent eating only once a day -- at most.

### Torrential rains kill 10, says Sao Paulo officials

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AFP) - Torrential rains killed at least 10 people in Sao Paulo overnight, adding to a wet-season death toll in Brazil's southeast suffered mainly by residents of vulnerable slums, emergency officials said yesterday.

The toll, revised downward from an earlier estimate of 13 dead, was given by the state's fire service, which said

three people were missing in the disaster.

Mudslides in shantytowns in the north of the city accounted for most of the deaths.

In one case, a mother and her daughter perished when their home was hit. In another, a homeless man was drowned when a strong current carried him away while he was on a busy road.

The situation in Sao Paulo yesterday was "chaotic," said television network Globo.

More than 30,000 people have been forced to abandon their homes and find refuge with relatives or in state-run shelters.

Sao Paulo's Emergency Management Center said 125 areas had been flooded in the city.

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## Dutch creche worker admits abusing 83 children

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - A 27-year-old man employed at creches in Amsterdam has confessed to sexually abusing 83 children, the Dutch prosecuting service said, a month after his arrest.

"During questioning, he confessed to having sexually abused 83 children," prosecution spokesman Franklin Wattimena told AFP.

"The questioning continues, and we don't know whether he will confess to more."

All parents have been personally informed of the man's claims, said Wattimena.

The suspect, a Dutch citi-

zen of Latvian origin, was arrested in Amsterdam on December 7 on a tip-off from US authorities. He is also suspected of having produced and distributed child pornography.

He was employed by at least two creches with children up to four years of age in Amsterdam between February 2007 and January 2010.

He also worked as a baby sitter since 2009, making contact with parents via the internet.

Two others, including the man's spouse, are also in custody.

## "The Masters of Excellence presents Dr. John C. Maxwell" event to be held in Aruba on January 27, 2011

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Every year Dr. Maxwell speaks to Fortune 500 companies, international government leaders, and organizations as diverse as the United States Military Acad-

## Aruba Central Bank monetary policy for January 2011

ORANJESTAD -- During the meeting of its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)2 of December 28, 2010, the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) decided that the current reserve requirement rate of 11 percent is appropriate as monetary developments in the last few weeks were stable and uneventful.

Nevertheless, the MPC is keeping a close watch on the level of the net foreign assets, which increased in November 2010 after a downward trend has been observed from July to October 2010.

Total net foreign assets recorded a 0.5 percent decrease in the first eleven months of 2010 in comparison to the level recorded at

the end of 2009. Despite the fact that the current level stands well above what the CBA considers adequate, this decline is of some concern considering the importance of maintaining a strong net foreign assets position.

The banking sector credit growth remained modest, as aggregate outstanding credit at the commercial banks, excluding purchases of government bonds, grew by 1.6 percent in the first eleven months of 2010 compared to the end of 2009. This is indicative of limited activity in the domestic credit market.

The 12-month average inflation rate remains within an acceptable range, and is forecasted to reach 2.4 percent in

2010. Furthermore, economic activities are projected to contract by 3.7 percent in real terms in 2010.

With the current reserve requirement ratio, the banking sector is obliged to keep 11 percent of their short-term liabilities (excluding resident interbank deposits) at the CBA. Consequently, their freely available reserves amount to Afl. 440 million.

All in all, the CBA will continue to closely monitor the developments in the economic and monetary fundamentals, in particular with respect to the downward trend in the net foreign assets.

The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled for January 26, 2011.

## Dutch say imported-eggs products safe

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands -- Dutch health authorities yesterday said dioxin levels in food made with 50,000 tainted eggs imported from Germany meet legal standards.

A German firm is suspected of knowingly selling some 3,000 tons of fatty acids laced with dioxin -- which can cause cancer -- meant only for industrial use in November and December in Germany where they were used in animal feed.

About 136,000 eggs from an affected German farm were shipped to the Netherlands where they were processed by Dutch companies, the NVWA

health service said.

"The sanitary monitoring service (NVWA) announces that products made with eggs that were blocked last week in the Netherlands as a precautionary measure meet (legal) standards," a statement said.

The dioxin level in the suspect products was "well below" legal levels, it added.

The European Commission said on Monday that some of the tainted feed was exported to France and Denmark. Some of the 136,000 eggs exported to the Netherlands ended up in Britain which would have to carry out its own analysis, said the NVWA.

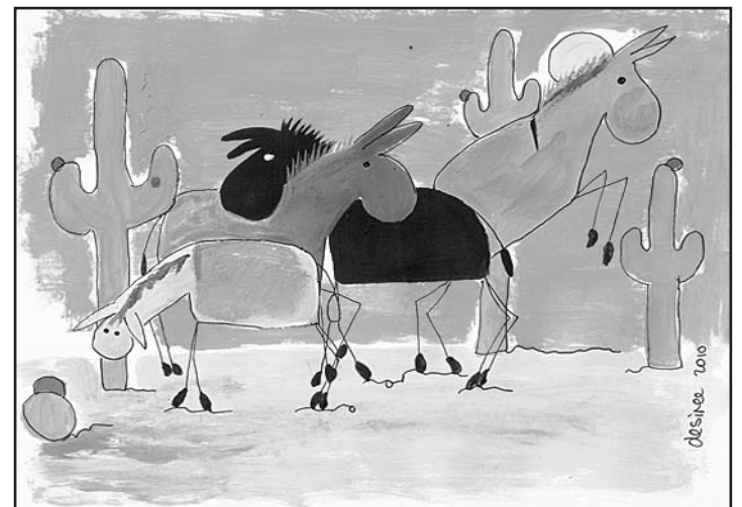
A shipment of 50,000 German eggs which were exported on December 15 and mixed with 14 tons of other eggs in the Netherlands ended up in three product items, of which



one was blocked and frozen in the Netherlands, according to the EU's executive.

German authorities destroyed around 100,000 eggs and late on Thursday Germany closed down around 4,700 of its 375,000 farms across the country while tests were conducted.

Most of the farms have since been reopened, however, and the government voiced hopes that others would swiftly follow suit. As of Monday, 558 farms were still subject to restrictions.



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## Aruba Horses Organization announces interesting plans



Making an early start into the new year, the Aruba Horses Organization (OCA) has announced their kick off event for this year. This event is scheduled to take place on the 29th and 30th of January at Rancho Monte Blanco. Saturday event will focus on the horses' competition, while on Sunday there will be the jinete and amazona competitions.

The special judge Mr. Juan Carlos Va-

lencia, hailing from Bogota Colombia, for the occasion is already present to judge both competitions. Ever since the last successful "Interpaso" event last September, horse riders and fans have been expecting these events.

Rainfall and other factors hindered the presentation of any event until now.

The interest in the horse riding sport has increased and there are numerous projects running concurrently. One such project is the reproduction project. With the cooperation of both local and international veterinarians they are creating the possibility for the successful breeding of horses. They are also intent on exploring the possibility for importing horse semen from renowned horse breeders from Colombia and other countries. The introduction of new blood will greatly enhance the quality of our local horses. Aruban horses have already scored very high in various competitions in Colombia, which is the leading country in fine horses.

During the last few years Aruba has known high caliber horses such as the Chino Azul of Tom Pietersz, Ritmico of Alex Mansur and Escandalo of the Eric Mansur family. Eric Mansur's fine horse is an import from Colombia which is helping local breeders such as Aramis of Alex Cybul, Espresso of Fausta Oduber family, Teniente of Mayron Wever and Patrullero of Camilo Muyale. Centenario of Alex Mansur has also arrived to unite with his own EOS horse, but also with Candil of Eric



Mansur, Victorioso of Cornelio Boekhoudt and Victorino of Dennis Ecury.

This year they expect about 25 new births, which will mean a considerable increase compared to the 4 or 5 births last year.

One of the next projects of OCA is the registration and typification of DNA samples.

This will be a joint project with Fedequinas, which is the mother association of all the Colombian federations. This will be specifically for samples of Aruban births.

OCA is also intent on doing



a census of horses in Aruba. This, they believe will help them in their planning, as well as in their representations and breed recognition.




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## Sci-Tech

# Hong Kong researchers store data in bacteria



**Biochemistry at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Jacky Loo shows bacteria growing in a petri dish in Hong Kong. A group of students at Hong Kong's Chinese University are making strides towards storing such vast amounts of information in an unexpected home: the E.coli bacterium better known as a potential source of serious food poisoning.**

HONG KONG (AFP) - The US' national archives occupy more than 500 miles (800 kilometres) of shelving; France's archives stretch for more than 100 miles of shelves, as do Britain's.

Yet a group of students at Hong Kong's Chinese University are making strides towards storing such vast amounts of information in an unexpected home: the E.coli bacterium better known as a potential source of serious food poisoning.

"This means you will be able to keep large datasets for the long term in a box of bacteria in the refrigerator," said Aldrin Yim, a student instructor on the university's biostorage project, a 2010 gold medallist in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)'s prestigious iGEM competition.

Biostorage -- the art of storing and encrypting information in living organisms -- is a young field, having existed for about a decade.

In 2007, a team at Japan's Keio University said they had successfully encoded the equation that represents Einstein's theory of relativity,  $E=MC^2$ , in the DNA of a common soil bacterium.

They pointed out that because bacteria constantly reproduce, a group of the single-celled organisms could store a piece of information for thousands of

years.

But the Hong Kong researchers have leapt beyond this early step, developing methods to store more complex data and starting to overcome practical problems which have lent weight to sceptics who see the method as science fiction.

The group has developed a method of compressing data, splitting it into chunks and distributing it among different bacterial cells, which helps to overcome limits on storage capacity. They are also able to "map" the DNA so information can be easily located.

This opens up the way to storing not only text, but images, music, and even video within cells.

As a storage method it is extremely compact -- because each cell is minuscule, the group says that one gram of bacteria could store the same amount of information as 450 2,000-gigabyte hard disks.

They have also developed a three-tier security fence to encode the data, which may come as welcome news to US diplomats who have seen their thoughts splashed over the Internet thanks to WikiLeaks.

"Bacteria can't be hacked," points out Allen Yu, another student instructor.

"All kinds of computers are vulnerable to electrical failures or data theft. But bac-

teria are immune from cyber attacks. You can safeguard the information."

The team have even coined a word for this field -- biocryptography -- and the encoding mechanism contains built-in checks to ensure that mutations in some bacterial cells do not corrupt the data as a whole.

Professor Chan Ting Fung, who supervised the student team, told AFP that practical work in the field -- fostered by MIT, who have helped develop standards enabling researchers to collaborate -- was in its early stages.

But he said: "What the students did was to try it out and make sure some of the fundamental principles are actually achievable."

The Hong Kong group's work may have a more immediate application.

The techniques they use -- removing DNA from bacterial cells, manipulating them using enzymes and returning them to a new cell -- are similar to those used to create genetically modified foods.

But rather than changing the building blocks of an organism, the Hong Kong group allows extra information to piggyback on the DNA of the cell, after checking their changes against a master database to make sure they do not have accidental toxic effects.

Their work could enable extra information to be added to a genetically modified crop in the form of a "bio barcode", Chan said.

"For example, a company that makes a GM tomato that grows extra large with a gene that promotes growth -- on top of that we can actually encode additional information like safety protocols, things that are not directly related to the biological system."

Other types of information, like copyright and design history, could help to monitor the spread of GM crops, he said.

"It's kind of a safety net for synthetic organisms," said Wong Kit Ying, from the student team.

Beyond this, Chan and the students are evangelical about the future possibilities of synthetic biology.

"The field is getting popular because of the energy crisis, environmental pollution, climate change. They are thinking that a biological system will be a future solution to those -- as alternative energy sources, as a remedy for pollution. For these, micro-organisms are the obvious choice," Chan said.

One type of bacterium, *Deinococcus radiodurans*, can even survive nuclear radiation.

"Bacteria are everywhere: they can survive on things that are unthinkable to humans. So we can make use of this," Chan said.

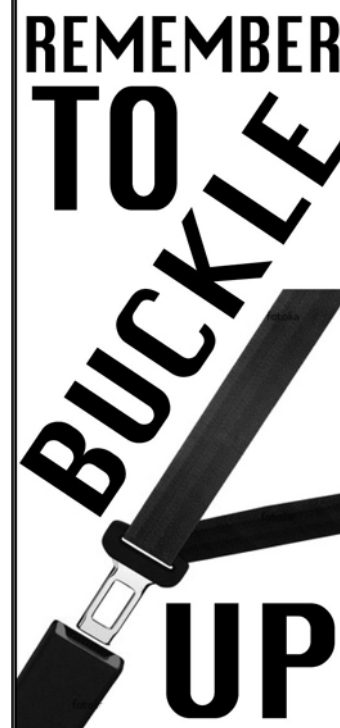
So is it possible that a home computer could one day consist of a dish filled with micro-organisms?

The group dismisses concerns that this could be dangerous, pointing out that despite E.coli's poor reputation, they use an altered form that cannot exist outside a rich synthetic medium.

In fact, says Chan, while safety rules are strict, more measures are taken to protect the bacteria from contamination than to protect the researchers from the bacteria.

However, Yim admitted that while the group's work is a "foundational advance", a petri dish PC is not likely to be on the market in the coming years, not least because the method of retrieving the data requires experts in a laboratory.

"It's possible," he said, "but there's a long way to go."



## NASA spots tiny Earth-like planet, too hot for life

WASHINGTON (AFP) - NASA has spotted a tiny, rocky planet about the size of Earth doing a speedy orbit of a star outside our solar system, but its scorching temperatures are too hot for life, the space agency said Monday.

The exoplanet, named Kepler-10b, is the smallest-ever planet discovered outside our solar system, and was located by NASA's Kepler spacecraft.

It is about 1.4 times the size of Earth and spins around its star more than once a day, an orbit much too close for life to survive.

"Kepler-10b is definitely NOT in the habitable zone as we define it. The dayside temperature of the planet is expected to be higher than 2,500 F (1,371 Celsius)!" NASA expert Natalie Batalha said in a web chat to describe the discovery.

"That's hot enough to melt iron!" she added.

"It wouldn't be a very nice place for organisms like those on Earth to live. Carbon-based chemistry wouldn't thrive there. Molecules comprising RNA and DNA couldn't stay intact in such extreme temperatures."

The planet completes a full orbit once every 0.84 days, and is 23 times closer to its star than Mercury is to our sun.

According to Douglas Hudgins, Kepler program scientist at NASA, the discovery is promising even though no life could exist there.

"The discovery of Kepler 10-b is a significant milestone in the search for planets similar to our own," said Hudgins.



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## Health & Living

# Mass fetus find stokes Thai abortion debate

BANGKOK, Thailand (AFP) — Nitancha, 17, ended her five-month pregnancy herself, causing severe bleeding. In a Buddhist nation where abortion is illegal and pregnant teens are stigmatised, the young Thai saw no other option. Rejected by the baby's father and frightened at the idea of talking to her family, she sought a solution on the Internet, where suggestions ranged from throwing herself down the stairs to illegal clinics and abortion pills.

After saving for several months to scrape together 5,300 baht (175 dollars), Nitancha -- who was 16 at the time -- last year used a drug against stomach ulcers, because a possible side effect was to cause miscarriage.

It had the desired result -- accompanied by a lot of blood in the toilet of her new boyfriend's house, and an emergency trip to hospital.

"I only knew that I had to get rid of the baby. I was about to go to college. I was a high school senior. I had to have a future," said Nitancha.

Since the discovery in a temple in Bangkok in November of more than 2,000 foetuses from illegal abortion clinics, the sensitive issue has shot up the national agenda.

Police are raiding suspected clinics, the government has suggested banning sex with girls under 20, and lawmakers have proposed relaxing legislation that only allows abortion in cases of rape or when the

pregnancy is thought to pose a danger to the mother's physical or mental health.

The discovered foetuses, which had been taken to the temple for cremation, were only the "tip of the iceberg", said Professor Kamheang Chaturachinda, president of the Women's Health and Reproductive Rights Foundation of Thailand.

According to this former president of the Royal Thai College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 300,000 to 400,000 Thai women undergo abortions performed by untrained people in unhygienic conditions each year. About 12 to 15 percent of them are teenagers.

Abortions in back-street clinics pose a risk of complications, including infertility and death. He supports the "principle" of a relaxation of the law, while wanting a strict framework to ensure women's safety.

But there is little or no hope of changing the law in a society where abortion is seen as a "sin," say the two activists. Jaded Chouwilai, manager of the Friends of Women.

Nitancha, who had merely been counting the days of her cycle to avoid pregnancy, has her own message for other teenagers: "There are many ways to protect yourself, like using condoms, but if you know that you are a fun-loving girl who is not ready to be a mother, you'd better use birth control pills."



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# Two hours of TV-watching boosts heart risk

WASHINGTON (AFP) — People who spend more than two hours per day of leisure time watching television or sitting in front of a screen face double the risk of heart disease and higher risk of dying, a new study said.

Researchers said the effect was seen regardless of how much people exercised, indicating that how we choose to spend our free time away from work has a huge impact on our overall health.

"It is all a matter of habit. Many of us have learned to go back home, turn the TV set on and sit down for several hours -- it's convenient and easy to do," said Emmanuel Stamatakis, expert in epidemiology and public health at University College London.

"But doing so is bad for the heart and our health in general," said Stamatakis, who along with the other study authors is advocating public health guidelines to warn of the risks of being inactive during non-work hours.

Such warnings are urgent, "especially as a majority of working age adults spend long periods being inactive while commuting or being slouched over a desk or computer," said the study in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

Researchers studied data from 4,512 adults who took



part in the Scottish Health Survey of households.

The information on screen time came from self-reported data about TV or DVD watching, leisure time computer use and playing video games.

When scientists compared people who reported spending less than two hours a day in front of screen-based entertainment to those who spent four or more hours per day, they found a 48 percent higher risk of death from any cause.

In those spending just two or more hours per day in front of screen after work, they also found a 125 percent higher risk of cardiovascular events such as heart attack.

"These associations were independent of traditional risk factors such as smoking, hypertension, BMI (body mass index), social class, as well as exercise," the study noted.

However researchers were

able to make associations between the levels of inflammation and cholesterol in sedentary people.

"One fourth of the association between screen time and cardiovascular events was explained collectively by C-reactive protein (CRP), body mass index, and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol," said the study.

CRP, an indicator of low-grade inflammation, was about twice as high in people who spent more than four hours of free time daily in front of a screen compared to people who spent less than two hours a day.

Stamatakis said he intends to continue to study how prolonged sitting impacts human health and how lifestyle changes could be advocated to reduce the amount of time people spend inactive.

# Japanese firm invents mirror to spot the flu



TOKYO, Japan (AFP) — A Japanese technology firm this week unveiled a mirror-like thermometer that can identify a person who is feverish.

"Thermo Mirror," which looks like a table mirror, measures the skin temperature of the person looking into it, without the need for physical contact, said the firm, NEC Avio Infrared Technologies.

The person's temperature is displayed on the surface, and

the device has an alarm that will beep when detecting a subject who is feverish.

With two versions priced at 98,000 yen and 120,000 yen (\$1,180-\$1,440) each, the product costs less than 10 percent of thermography cameras used at airports to screen for

people who might have communicable diseases, the company said.

"We foresee uses at corporate receptions, schools, hospitals and public facilities," NEC Avio said in a statement.

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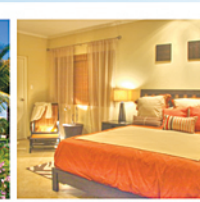


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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in

Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vaca-

tioners who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of



kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available.

Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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Once again, the Boa Taskforce could count on a large group of volunteers to assist in capturing the invasive Boa constrictor which is causing damage to Aruba's fauna. It has been estimated that the Boa has consumed no less than 17,000 birds alone in 2010! More than 120 volunteers showed up, including two ministers, Benny Sevinger and Mike de Meza.

The rains of the past four months have caused the underbrush to have grown thick which has made it very challenging to detect the very well camouflaged Boas.

Pictures give a short portrait of how matters went.





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## ACROSS

1. Actor \_\_\_\_ Cobb
5. Dutch model's word?
9. Cathedral section
13. Cheat
17. "\_\_\_\_" Sprach Zarathustra
18. Belmont margin
19. Catty sound
20. Fever
21. Route
22. Whisky
25. Guide
27. Palm fruit
28. Musical group
29. Sandra \_\_\_\_ O'Connor
30. Eastern desert
31. Grandma Moses's first name
33. Hue
36. Nonindustrious
37. Short drive
38. Athlete Thorpe
41. Salve plant
42. Lively dance
43. Location
44. Eggs
45. Actor Cariou
46. Tatum's dad
47. Prevent
48. Sear
49. Selleck role
51. Egad, e.g.
52. Mr. Bono
53. Timely one
58. Animal track
60. Top-drawer
61. Grand or Steve
64. Songwriter Gus
65. Like Clint's Harry
66. Poet Khayyam
68. Prevaricate
69. Actor Carmichael
70. Role for Silvers
71. "\_\_\_\_" Girl
72. Quip
73. AMA mems.
74. Corrida shouts
75. AL player
76. Piths
77. Like Telly
78. The Kingston \_\_\_\_
79. Bowl shout
80. Chips in a chip
83. Spring bloom
84. Kind of acid
87. NT prophet
91. Author C.P.
93. In a while
94. Comic Idle
95. Iterate
96. Alencon's department
97. Actor Calhoun
98. Cher film

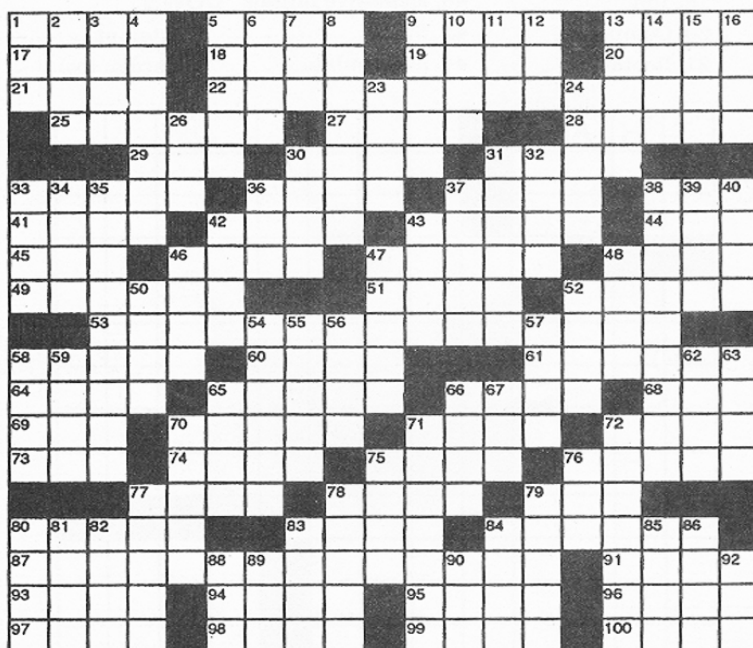
## DOWN

99. Check
100. Require
1. Splash softly
2. Bible land
3. Villa d' \_\_\_\_
4. Everyman
5. Relish
6. Portal
7. Bat wood
8. Argentine city
9. Famed violin
10. "\_\_\_\_" Goriot
11. Mr. Hurok
12. Pasture parent
13. Berry
14. "\_\_\_\_" Rhythm
15. Angler's aid
16. English dukedom
23. Neonate
24. Auxerre's department
26. Gob
30. Politician Jake
31. "Fort \_\_\_\_"
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35. Winter wear
36. Mauna \_\_\_\_
37. Indolence
38. He preceded James Polk
39. Author Turgenev
40. Painter Cassatt
42. Psalm
43. City map
46. River to the Rhine
47. Like shad: var.
48. Kind of hound
50. Whistle-blowing time
52. Boom or spit
54. Hit solidly
55. Sergeant and Susannah
56. Undeceived by
57. Shoo!
58. Moving aid
59. TV's Jack
62. Beauvais's department
63. Clears
65. Anet
66. Louisville's river
67. Peel's isle
70. Crow
71. Tornado
72. 36th President
75. Journey
76. Half a dance
77. Hill or Goodman
78. Follow
79. Boca \_\_\_\_
80. Slightly open
81. Words for Nanette
82. Norse god
83. Heron's kin
84. Kwa language
85. Anet
86. Dunce-hat shape
88. Haw's mate
89. Cenozoic, e.g.
90. Rocks
92. Join



Note to Solvers: This Crossword does not have hints such as "2 wds." and "hyph."

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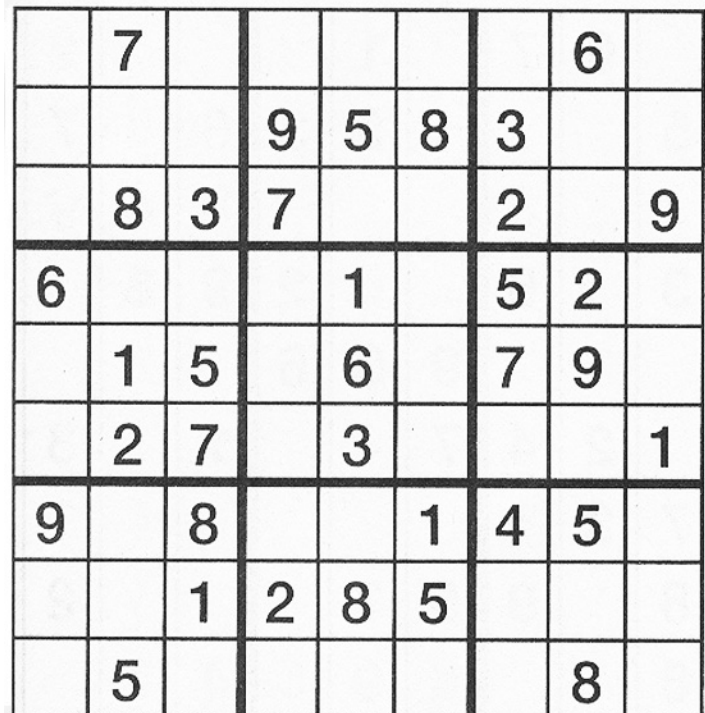
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9	8	6	9	8	2	1	4	7
2	5	4	1	7	9	8	6	3
1	4	9	6	8	9	7	2	8
8	6	2	7	9	1	5	3	4
8	2	9	2	1	8	4	6	9
6	1	7	9	4	7	8	5	3
4	7	8	9	6	2	9	1	5
5	9	8	8	2	1	6	7	4

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
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#### US oil spill commission calls for new safety agency

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The presidential commission probing the Gulf of Mexico oil spill called for the creation of an independent safety agency to ensure that the Deepwater Horizon disaster is never repeated. "Congress and the Department of the Interior should create an independent agency within the Department of the Interior with enforcement authority to oversee all aspects of offshore drilling safety," the panel's final report said.

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#### China forex reserves hit record, lending above target

BEIJING, China (AFP) – China said its foreign exchange reserves hit a record high at the end of 2010, which is likely to fuel calls for a stronger yuan when President Hu Jintao visits Washington next week. The increase in the forex holdings, already the world's largest, highlighted imbalances in global trade and the challenge Beijing faces in stemming a flood of liquidity into the country.

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#### Spain will meet deficit target, return to growth: PM

MADRID, Spain (AFP) – Spain will "without a doubt" meet its deficit target for this year and it will post annual growth of 2.0-2.5 percent between 2011 and 2015, Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said. "We will without a doubt meet our commitment of reaching a deficit of 6.0 percent in 2011," he told business leaders, adding Spain would "comfortably" meet its target of a public deficit of 9.3 percent for 2010.

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## Portuguese central bank split over bailout

LISBON, Portugal (AFP) – A split at the Portuguese central bank over whether Portugal needs a bailout has erupted publicly, but the finance minister insisted that the country was doing everything to avert a rescue.

Portugal, widely seen at risk of being the next eurozone country to need rescuing after Greece and Ireland, intends to make a critical issue of debt but the rates it has to pay have risen sharply.

Carlos Costa, the governor of the Bank of Portugal, rejected suggestions that the country would require financial aid. "I have said it and I will say it again: the Portuguese are solving their problems and have the ability to solve their problems themselves," he told reporters.

But shortly afterwards, an administrator at the Bank, economist Teodora Cardoso, took a different line, saying that a bailout by the International Monetary Fund or the European Stabilisation Fund was "probable". She said: "I would prefer if this was not necessary ... but considering the situation of the markets, we

will probably need aid."

"If the president wants to approach other heads of states or European entities to explain that the situation is unjust for Portugal, that we are up against speculative pressure which does not correspond to the country's economic situation, he will have my support," Socialist candidate Manuel Alegre said.

Silva, who is favourite to win the election, refused to comment on the prospects of a bailout when questioned on Portuguese television.

The auction of debt this week marks Portugal's first foray into the bond markets this year, with the expected sale of 750 million to 1.25 billion euros' (\$967 million-1.6 billion) worth of long-term debt.

The rate or yield on benchmark 10-year bonds closed at 7.016 percent after record highs of 7.193 percent on week-end, amid comment from analysts that the European Central Bank had entered the market.

"Such has been the degree of market selling pressure that the ECB has been prompted

back into action and was seen buying (debt issued by) Portugal and inquiring on (debt issued by) Greece and Ireland yesterday. This helped to stop the rot but is only a stop gap," ING bank analyst Padhraic Garvey said.

The rates which Portugal has pay investors to raise fresh funds has been rising sharply, making it even more difficult for Lisbon to restore public finances to health. In the case of Greece, rates above 7.0 percent began to become prohibitive and were an extra factor making the country the first eurozone member to be rescued by the EU and International Monetary Fund.

The government here is raising taxes and cutting wages in an effort to convince investors it can narrow its budget gap from an estimated 7.3 percent of gross domestic product in 2010 to 4.6 percent this year, still above the EU limit of 3.0 percent.

An EU diplomat told AFP that several European countries were piling pressure on Portugal to seek a bailout, amid concern that the eurozone debt crisis might spread to Spain, a far larger economy.

The European Commission, France and Germany denied that Lisbon was being strong-armed into calling for a financial rescue.

European officials issued denials of pending aid late last year before Ireland ultimately succumbed to pressure to accept a 67-billion-euro bailout from the European Union and IMF, and the situation was similarly confused before Greece asked for help in May.

## Renault executive, China deny espionage charge

PARIS, France (AFP) –

A Renault executive suspected of spying on the French car-maker firmly denied he had leaked secrets, as China angrily dismissed claims that it was involved in the scandal.

"Renault is making very serious accusations against me which I totally refute. The facts were outlined to me and I refute them as well," Michel Balthazard told reporters.

He made the denial after he was summoned to a meeting with Renault bosses along with two other senior managers suspected of industrial espionage, reportedly involving the company's electric car programme.

"Today, I consider myself the victim of an affair that is beyond me," said Balthazard, promising to cooperate with any investigation and insisting that during his 30 years in the company he had always been loyal.

Renault last week suspended the three executives



**Michel Balthazard, one of the three top managers of French car maker Renault suspected of industrial espionage ...**

over suspicions they had leaked strategic information. Reports said the secrets concerned details of the electric cars on which Renault has staked its future.

Le Figaro newspaper reported that a Chinese firm had paid undisclosed sums into Swiss and Liechtenstein bank accounts opened by two Re-

nault executives implicated in the inquiry.

But Chinese officials angrily rejected such claims.

"As for this so-called story that China is involved, we believe this is totally groundless, irresponsible and unacceptable," foreign ministry spokesman Hong Lei told reporters.

The reports of a Chinese bid to obtain Renault's secrets follow a long history of similar allegations widely attributed to Beijing's goal of closing the technology gap with the West.

China's bid to become a high-tech powerhouse that innovates, rather than just the world's workshop, has seen it accused of stealing everything from train designs to fighter jet systems to auto components.

French government spokesman Francois Baroin has insisted Paris is not pointing the finger at any country in the affair. "It is a process of inquiry," Baroin told Europe 1

radio. "Renault, like others, is the victim of an economic intelligence war."

Officials have said French intelligence services are monitoring the case and Renault says it plans to press charges.

The firm says it did not lose any major trade secrets in the affair and has not commented on allegations about China.

The trio summoned by Renault bosses included Matthieu Tenenbaum, the joint head of Renault's electric vehicles programme, whose lawyer spoke out in his defence last week.

Le Figaro, which did not identify its sources, reported that private investigators hired by Renault uncovered a Swiss bank account containing 500,000 euros (\$646,000) and another in Liechtenstein with 130,000 euros.

In what appeared to be a bid to hide the payments, the cash was moved via a series of intermediary transfers via Shanghai and Malta.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

TIP	HARP	ABEL
ADO	ALIE	DRAY
RATTLING	MORE	
ALT	PEALS	
GLASS	MOUND	
RISK	SONG	COB
ASS	BORES	ALE
MAE	AFAR	ISLE
MEDAL	ATTAR	
AMBLE	AGE	
ROLE	BECOMING	
ALEC	OMEN	VEE
BEST	BUSY	YET



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After its working existence, the donkey has carved out its niche on the island. That went fine, until donkeys and cars were regularly involved in traffic accidents and a solution had to be

found. A large group of volunteers took care of the donkeys and brought them together on a fenced piece of nature. There, they are taken care of, fed and given all necessary medical care.

They have become a real tourist attraction.

The doors of the shelter are open daily for visitors who can come in free of charge on weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm and in weekends from 10 am to 3 pm. One can have a drink on the cozy terrace, there is a small shop with donkey-related presents and if you are interested, there is always someone present who can answer all your questions with enthusiasm.

## A new winner in Aruba Bank's "Good4TheFuture" campaign

### Inspiring youngsters to save for their future

ORANJESTAD – Recently, Aruba Bank handed over to Zahaira Romules the Blackberry she won with the savings campaign initiated by Aruba Bank titled "Good4TheFuture." The financial institution sponsored a 4-month community project called "Good4TheNeighborhood" prompting middle school children to devise and implement projects to improve their neighborhoods. "Good4theFuture" program was part of the initiative.

The two programs were conducted simultaneously from August 16 to Dec 2010, "Good4TheFuture" aimed to motivate youngsters to start saving at an early age, either for their study, a car, a trip abroad, or whatever they desire in the future.

Every third grade student from secondary school who opened a saving account at Aruba Bank received an additional 25 Aruban florins on his account, courtesy of the bank. The opening of an account also made them eligible to win a Blackberry mobile device.

Aruba Bank would like to thank all students and their parents for the participation and support in the program and express their satisfaction that important lessons for insuring their future were learned and appreciated.





## The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Grandma's stoba with classic rice and beans and homemade potato beet salad

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

## I've got cancer beat,' says Michael Douglas

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) – Veteran Hollywood star Michael Douglas says he has beaten his cancer tumor, and is eating "like a pig" to put back on weight he lost during a grueling battle with the disease.

In his first TV interview since he was diagnosed last August, the 66-year-old said he hopes to live many more years, citing his elderly parents including father Kirk Douglas as giving him favorable genes.

"The odds are, with the tumor gone and what I know about this particular type of cancer, that I've got it beat," he told NBC's Today Show in an interview to be broadcast.

The two-time Oscar winner will still have to undergo monthly checkups, but said his life is returning to normal.

"I'm eating like a pig... I lost about 32 pounds. And I've put about 12 back," he said, adding



that he was working out in a gym, although "they want to keep the cardio down because they want me to put some more weight on."

Douglas revealed his diagnosis when he returned to the United States from a summer holiday. In September he said he was in stage-four cancer but with an 80-percent chance of beating it.

But by December he was well enough to resume work, although he said he was due to

have a Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan this month to see whether the walnut-sized tumor had been successfully eradicated.

Douglas is already preparing for his next movie, the title role of a biopic of flamboyant entertainer Liberace, and hopes to promote his latest films "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" and "Solitary Man" for the Oscars next month.

Speaking to the Today Show, he said his family genes gave him a good chance for longevity, while admitting: "It's put a timeline on my life."

"I'm 66 now. You know, I'm fortunate I've got a mother who's 88 -- she'll kill me, she may be 87," he quipped.

"My father's 94. So, you know, I feel good about those genes. But it's definitely a third act. And so you're a little more conscious of your time in how you choose to spend it."

## Iran bans 'Alchemist' author



Brazilian writer Paulo Coelho, shown here holding his novel "The Experimental Witch" in 2009,

BRASILIA, Brazil (AFP) – Brazilian author Paulo Coelho, who wrote the worldwide best-seller "The Alchemist," accused Iran of banning his books.

"My books have been published in Iran since 1998, in different publishing houses," Coelho wrote on his website <http://paulocoelhoblog.com>,

noting estimates that over six million copies of his books have sold in the country.

Calling it an "an arbitrary decision," Coelho said the move could "only be a misunderstanding."

He wrote of the apparent censorship after his Iranian publisher Arash Hejazi -- active in the Iranian opposition -

- told him the books were banned by order of the Ministry of Culture, without providing an explanation.

The author, whose best-known work "The Alchemist" has sold some 65 million copies worldwide, ended his blog post by publishing Hejazi's letter informing him of the ban, and writing in block capitals: "WE WILL HAVE THE BOOKS FOR FREE DOWNLOAD IN INTERNET."

Brazilian Minister of Culture Ana de Hollanda said meanwhile that censorship is "always deplorable," in a statement published by the official outlet Brazil Agency. She also said she would discuss the matter with Foreign Minister Antonio Patriota.

## Cross-eyed German opossum becomes Internet hit

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) – A cross-eyed opossum in Germany called Heidi who is not yet even on public display has become an Internet hit, winning more than 65,000 admirers on social networking website Facebook.

Heidi is thought to be two and a half years old, and was abandoned outside an animal shelter in North Carolina in the United States, together with her sister Naira, and has been in Leipzig zoo in eastern Germany since May.

The sisters, plus a third male opossum called Teddy, arrived via a zoo in Denmark, and will make their public debut on July 1, the German zoo says. The zoo believes the



Cross-eyed opossum Heidi sits in her enclosure at Leipzig zoo in eastern Germany.

marsupial's eye problem may be to do with her diet before she was abandoned, or because she is overweight, leading to fat deposits behind her eyes. Otherwise she is completely normal and not in pain.

"Apart from aesthetically,

this situation is not a problem," the zoo says. "As animals that are active at night, opossums find their way around using their noses."

Leipzig zoo said that it is not planning any "active marketing" of Heidi, and says it would devote any income from third parties that it might earn to a project supporting rhinos in Borneo.

This could include proceeds from a catchy song about Heidi sung by three girls, it said. A German firm has reportedly already begun making stuffed toys of Heidi.

"You can all visit me from July 1 ... but not all 65,000 at once," reads a "message" from Heidi on her Facebook page.



# Ronaldinho signs for Flamengo



In this image released by Fla Imagem, former Italy's AC Milan's soccer player Ronaldinho, from Brazil, center, checks his contract as new Brazil's Flamengo's soccer player during a meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - AC Milan's out of favour Brazilian star Ronaldinho is to sign for Rio giants Flamengo, after days of negotia-

tions in his native Brazil, the football icon confirmed on his website Monday.

The 30-year-old Ronaldinho -- part of the Brazil side

that won the 2002 World Cup -- said he would sign a three-and-a-half year contract with a monthly salary of nearly 900,000 dollars.

The player, full name Ronaldo de Assis Moreira, started professionally with Gremio aged 18 before moving to Paris Saint-Germain, FC Barcelona -- with whom he won the 2006 Champions League -- and then AC Milan.

Twice named world player of the year, Ronaldinho made it known that he wanted to return to his homeland with hopes of playing for a local side and regaining his place in the national squad for the 2014 World Cup which Brazil are hosting.

Flamengo was able to sign Ronaldinho after Brazilian clubs Gremio and Palmeiras dropped out of the race to acquire him over the weekend.

## Europe's clubs rack up record losses: UEFA

NYON (AFP) - More than half of Europe's top football clubs are still in the red, with a record 1.2 billion euro losses about a year before UEFA's new financial rules kick in, officials said Tuesday.

"Two years ago almost 70 percent of clubs were in the red," said Gianni Infantino, secretary general of European football's governing body.

"At present there are still 56 percent - that means more than half of all professional football clubs are in the red," he told journalists as UEFA unveiled its club licensing report for 2009.

The 655 top division clubs scrutinised by footballing officials reaped 11.7 billion euros in revenue in 2009, an increase of 4.8 percent.

"However, the figures demonstrate that we were right to ask for more financial discipline because the reported costs were 12.9 billion euros, an increase of 9.3 percent," said Infantino.

That brought their collective losses up to nearly 1.18 billion euros, an 85 percent increase or "almost double the previous record", UEFA said in its report.

UEFA's complex new financial fair play rules, broadly demanding that clubs break even, are due to apply from the 2012 financial year, with sanctions likely to be enforced two to three years later.

If they were applied now, 11 clubs would "potentially" have been excluded from this season's European League and Champions League, according to Infantino.

UEFA President Michel Platini said there would be no "finger pointing" or blacklisting of clubs for now.

But he underlined that the forthcoming rules, which already appear to be reining in transfer by some debt-laden big clubs, would be crucial

for football's future.

"It's a complicated problem, that we consider vital for the future of football," he explained.

"There won't be any witchhunts today but on the other hand we won't hesitate to clamp down," said Platini.

## Messi, Nadal nominated for Laureus awards

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Footballer Lionel Messi and tennis aces Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams will lead the nominees for the Laureus World Sports Awards to be held next month in Abu Dhabi, it was announced Tuesday.

The Argentine who was named on Monday the World player of the year is nominated along with his Barcelona team-mate Andres Iniesta for the awards which are considered the sport version of The Oscars, organisers revealed in a press conference.

The event is being organised in Abu Dhabi for the second year in a row.

"We are pleased to host this event for the second year consecutively," said Mohammad al-Mahmood, secretary general of Abu Dhabi Sports Council.

Dozens of sports and Hollywood celebrities will travel to the capital of the United Arab Emirates on February 5 to 7 to attend the event held at the Emirates Palace Hotel.

Other nominees include Germany's Sebastian Vettel, the youngest winner of the Formula One World Champi-

onship, Winter Paralympic stars Verena Bentele, Jakub Krako and Lauren Woolstencroft for Laureus Disability Award.

Ten-time world champion surfer Kelly Slater is nominated for Laureus Action Sports Award.

"Every year in which there is an Olympic Games or World Cup, we have some of the strongest fields of candidates," Edwin Moses, the chairman of the Laureus World Sports Academy, told AFP.

The Spain team which won the football world cup in South Africa will compete for the Laureus World Team of the Year category, along with the European Ryder Cup Team, Champions League winners Inter Milan, NBA winners Los Angeles Lakers, the Red Bull Formula One Team and the New Zealand All Blacks rugby team.

Last year's winners of the 2010 Laureus Sportsman and Sportswomen of the Year awards included Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt for the second time, US tennis champion Serena Williams, and British Formula One driver Jenson Button.



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## No decision in Pakistan anti-corruption hearing

DOHA (AFP) - An anti-corruption tribunal against Pakistan cricketers Salman Butt, Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Aamer that ended Tuesday reached no decision with a further hearing scheduled for February 5.

"The tribunal have throughout been very conscious of the importance of these proceedings to the three players and the wider world of cricket," said Michael Beloff, commissioner of the three-man independent hearing.

"Representations have been made to it to reserve any decision on the charges still before it until it has had sufficient time to give the issues careful consideration and until it is able, at the same time as handing down its decision, to provide written rea-

sons.

"This would not be feasible in the timeframe agreed for this hearing in Doha.

"The tribunal has therefore determined to continue its deliberations and hold a further hearing in Doha on the fifth of February of this year, at which its decisions will be handed down to the parties and any consequential matters will be dealt with.

"Until that date, all three players will remain suspended from all cricketing activities."

The trio face charges of spot-fixing during Pakistan's tour of England last year in a scandal that rocked the sport. It is alleged that they conspired in the bowling of deliberate no-balls - claims they all deny.

## Vitali Klitschko sets Solis date



BERLIN (AFP) - WBC heavyweight champion Vitali Klitschko confirmed Tuesday he will defend his title against Cuban Odanier Solis in Cologne, Germany on March 19.

"Solis is a very experienced boxer, quick and unpleasant who I shouldn't underestimate," said Ukraine's Klitschko.

"He's been saying for months that he wants to take my title but I'll show him in the ring that I'm the real champion. The belt will stay in the Klitschko family," he added.

Solis, 30, won the right to take on Klitschko after his victory over American Ray Austin last month.

The Cuban is unbeaten in 17 bouts - including 13 inside the distance - and was Olympic heavyweight champion in 2004.

Klitschko, 39, has 41 wins to his name including two by knock-out and two defeats.





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## Bolt to run Diamond League 200m in Oslo



OSLO (AFP) - Jamaican Olympic sprint king Usain Bolt will race the 200 metres at the Diamond League meeting on June 9 in Oslo, organisers said on Tuesday.

Last year, triple world record holder Bolt brought a premature curtain down on his season following a defeat in the 100m to US rival Tyson Gay in Stockholm.

He took three weeks out suffering from an Achilles injury adding to a back problem.

Oslo is the first event to see his presence confirmed since last summer.

"My preparations have gone really well, the injury problem I had during the summer is fully healed and my training has gone according to plan," Bolt said in a statement.

"I am looking forward to compete for the first time in front of the famous Bislett stadium crowd in Oslo.

"I hold three world records but I hear this track has an incredible 69 World records on it so it will be nice to run in such a famous stadium," added the star, who holds

record times in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m.

The 24-year-old Olympic champion is also set to defend his 100m and 200m titles at the world championships in Daegu, South Korea.

## Byrum kicks Auburn over Oregon

PHOENIX, Arizona (AFP) - Wes Byrum booted a 19-yard field goal on the last play of the game to lift Auburn to a 22-19 victory over Oregon in the US collegiate national championship game on Monday.

Freshman running back Michael Dyer gained 143 yards on 22 carries and Heisman Trophy winner Cam Newton was 20-of-34 passes for 265 yards with two touchdowns for Auburn, which captured its first national title since 1957. Oregon had tied it 19-19 with two and a half minutes remaining when Darron Thomas passed to Jeff Maehl on a two-point conversion after LaMichael James scored the touchdown from in close.

"Our defence played outstanding. We worked our rear

## Beckham trains at Spurs as loan talks continue

LONDON (AFP) - David Beckham trained with Tottenham for the first time on Tuesday as Spurs boss Harry Redknapp expressed his hopes that a loan deal for the midfielder could yet be agreed.

The former England captain smiled and joked with Spurs players as he took part in a light session at the club's training ground in Essex.

Redknapp said Spurs were still hopeful that the Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder could be signed on a short-term deal before returning to the United States for the start of the Major League Soccer season in March.

"There is nothing at the moment, but we will see what happens, who knows?" Redknapp told Sky Sports News.

"I am not dealing with that side, but it is good to have him here.

"David is a top player and a fantastic boy.



"Everyone respects David and looks up to him so it was good to have him here today," Redknapp's assistant

coach Joe Jordan meanwhile told BBC Radio that the mere presence of Beckham in the Spurs dressing room would be a positive influence as the club prepared for challenges in the Champions League and Premiership.

"David has a wealth of experience and no matter how well you are playing, when you go into the second half of the season and you have got Champions League and Premier League, which is a bit new for us in the same season, I think you need that little bit of nuance," Jordan said.



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## Sportsman of the year 2010 “Premio Excelencia den Deporte”

This year again, all sports federations affiliated with the Aruba Sports Union (ASU) or with COA (Aruba Olympic Commission), the Premio Excelencia den Deporte Commission are reminded to submit their information on the athletes being nominated for recognition for the 2010 sports year.

The forms with the information should be submitted at the office of the IDEFRE on the L.G. Smith Boulevard 150 situated in the Certified Mega Mall, by the January 14 deadline date.

On December 23, 2010 the Premio Excelencia den Deporte Commission sent all relevant information to all federations affiliated with ASU or COA so they can

began preparing the necessary information on the athletes whom they selected as being outstanding athletes of the year to compete for the prize and for the maximum category competition.

The Commission requests any federation who, for whatever reason, did not receive the information circulated, to call Mrs. Jos Maduro at IDEFRE at telephone 582-4987 or send an email to josephine.maduro@aruba.gov.aw.

The ceremony of recognition for the best athlete of 2010 is scheduled to take place on February 11. In the ensuing weeks more information on this event will be announced.

## Okajima signs one-year deal with Red Sox

BOSTON (AFP) - Japanese pitcher Hideki Okajima signed the one-year deal Monday to return to the Boston Red Sox, the Major League Baseball club announced.

The 35-year-old all-star reliever just finished his fourth year with the Red Sox before becoming a free agent. The new deal is worth 1.75 million dollars.

He has appeared in at least 50 games in each season with Boston and was picked for

the American League all-star team three years ago. Boston also won the World Series that season.

Okajima is 16-8 lifetime with six saves and a 3.06 ERA in 254 relief appearances with the Red Sox.

Okajima rejoins closer Jonathan Papelbon, setup man Daniel Bard and Scott Atchison, all right-handers, in a bullpen that has undergone many changes since it finished last season with the third-worst ERA in the AL.



### Main Events 2011

<b>Fri, Jan 14</b>	Carnaval Happy Hour Place: pending
<b>Sat, Jan. 15</b>	Youth Salsa Dance Contest Place: pending
<b>Sun, Jan. 16, 2011 6:30 p.m.</b>	Aruba's Children -, Youth and Adult Prince and Pancho Election Place: Aruba Entertainment Center
<b>Wed, Jan 9 6 - 9 p.m</b>	Sign-up happening Tumba Festival 41 Place: Balashi Garden
<b>Fri, Jan. 21</b>	Carnaval Happy Hour Place: pending
<b>Sat, Jan. 22 6.30 p.m.</b>	Aruba's Children and Youth Calypso & Roadmarch Contest 2011 Place : Joe Laveist Sportpark
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